

# LOWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date:	May 10, 2023
Time:	6:30PM
Location:	City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

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#### 1. SALUTE TO FLAG

#### 2. ROLL CALL

On a roll call at 6:35 p.m., members present were, namely: Ms. Thompson, Ms. Chhoun, Ms. Delrossi, Ms. Doherty and Mr. Lay. Ms. Martin arrived at 6:51 p.m. Mayor Chau was absent.

Ms. Thompson made a motion suspend the rules to allow public participation; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

The following people registered and spoke about item # 3.2:

Ms. Ogunseye

Mr. Sophan

Mr. Pheng

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to suspend the rules to start the budget process; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

#### 3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**3.1.** Update, discussion and deliberations on options, job description, proposal of MASC and timeline for the hiring of an Interim Superintendent.

Mr. Lay made a motion to have the Interim Superintendent's salary range be from \$210,000 to \$230,000; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

Mr. Lay made a motion to approve the timeline as written; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED



## 3.2. Budget Session

Ms. Martin made a motion to have the line for field trips be moved to the suspense account until more information is received (what schools are doing with the money and amount per student for said field trips); seconded by Mr. Lay. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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1110: School Committee Total amount for approval

\$442,000

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$442,00; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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1200: Superintendent

\$1,242,698

Ms. Chhoun made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$1,242,698; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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1400: Finance and Administrative Services

\$5,552,711

Ms. Martin made a motion to move the Budget Analyst position for \$90,000 to the suspense account; seconded by Mr. Lay. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

Ms. Chhoun made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure as amended; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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2110: Instructional Leadership

\$2,766,023

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$2,766,023; seconded by Ms. Martin. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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2200: Principals/School Leadership

\$9,491,719

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$9,491,719; seconded Mr. Lay. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED



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2305: Personnel Classroom Teachers

\$108,928,809

Ms. Martin made a motion to move the LatinX scholars and the EC Expansion Coordinator to the suspense account; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure as amended; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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2305: Medical/Therapeutic Services

\$23,059,828

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure as amended; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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2352: Coaching Curriculum Support

\$4,478,075

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$4,478,075; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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2410: Non-Personnel Textbooks

\$5,707,258

Mr. Lay made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$5,707,258 seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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**2710:** Personnel/Guidance Counselors

\$10,428,027

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$10,428,027; seconded by Ms. Chhoun. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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**3100:** Attendance and Parent Liaison Services

\$5,011,270

Ms. Martin made a motion to move the Student Assignment Manager to the suspense account; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure as amended; seconded by Ms. Chhoun. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED



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3300: Transportation

\$13,126,377

Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$13,126,377; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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3500: Athletics & Student Activities

\$2,485,862

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$2,485,862; seconded by Ms. Chhoun. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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4000: Custodial & Security Services

\$8,142,333

Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$8,142,333; seconded by Ms. Martin. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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5100/5200: Employee Benefits & Retirements

\$24,747,579

Mr. Lay made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$24,747,579; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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5350: Rental of Buildings

\$865,197

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$865,197; seconded by Mr. Lay. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

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**7000: Capital Outlay** 

\$400,000

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$400,000; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

Ms. Martin asked about the \$10 million dollars that was discussed.

Ms. Turner stated that it's under ESSER.



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9000: Out of District Budget \$8,422,742

Mr. Lay made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure of \$8,422,742; seconded by Ms. Doherty. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

**Suspense Account** 

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the bottom-line figure as amended; seconded by Ms. Delrossi. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

## 4. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Delrossi made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.; seconded by Ms. Thompson. 6 yeas, 1 absent (Mayor Chau) APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Joel D. Boyd, Ed.D., Superintendent and Secretary to the Lowell School Committee

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